

**IASSID Council Meeting  
June 11, 2005  
Howard International House  
Taipei, Taiwan**

***NOTE: The minutes provide a summary of the discussion and hopefully main points are covered.***

**Attendance:**

Phillip Davidson, Robert Davis, Ilana Duvdevany, David Felce, (Chair), Matt Janicki, Stephan Kealy, Mike Kerr, Henny Van Schrojenstein Lantman de Valk, Keith McVilly, Glynis Murphy, Patricia Noonan Walsh, Helene Ouellette-Kuntz, Trevor Parameter, Hans Rienders, Neil Ross, Shigeru Suemitsu, Vianne Timmons (Recorder), Lisa Wang

**Observers:** Jos Mulder, Lorraine Glidden

**Regrets:**

Anthony Holland, Giorgio Albertini, Monica Bjorkman, Jan Blacher, Fabrizio Fea, Richard Hastings, Ulla Jacobson, Joel Levy, Maria Malbran, Robert Scholack, Frank Strutz, Miguel Verdugo, Carla Vlaskamp

**Meeting Opened at 9:05 am**

**1. Introductions**

Council members introduced themselves. David Felce thanked Lisa Wang for organizing the conference and meeting. David Felce recorded the Council's sympathies for Sheila Holland who is experiencing a difficult time.

**2. President's Report**

The President referred to the President's Report that went out to Council members. One went out independently and one with the newsletter. David Felce asked for feedback from Council members.

Keith McVilly mentioned that he received the information and it was effective in keeping him informed and he felt he was aware on the activities of IASSID and that he was well prepared for this meeting.

David Felce took a minute and reviewed the content of his February letter.

Honorary Council members are to be placed on the listserv for Council. Stephen Kealy will send the list to Vianne Timmons to include in all correspondence.

For the South Africa Congress in 2008 Stephen Kealy recommended setting up an action plan to seek out sponsorships. Keith McVilly recommended that if we identify people in our respective countries we should look at a form letter from David Felce seeking sponsorship. Mike Kerr suggested that IASSID set up a process of identifying sponsorship selection so that we can inform potential sponsors. David Felce mentioned there was approximately 150 waived registrations at the France conference in 2004.

Bob Davis suggested that we look at sponsorship for regional conferences.

Stephen Kealy moved and Lisa Wang seconded the acceptance of the President's Report.

### 3. **Treasurer's Report**

#### Finance Committee Report

Matt Janicki passed around the finance report for January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31 2004. The balance is plus \$15, 566.76. He then reviewed the Pass Throughs Funds, primarily the money transferred to SIRGs. He presented a summary of the Statement of Reserves.

The 2005 budget was presented. Phillip Davidson asked that the term Landing Funds be changed to Development Funds.

The 2005 Income and Expense Statement was reviewed. Mike Kerr asked why the SIRGs have to ask for their funds. Matt Janicki stated that some SIRGs do not have bank accounts that are active. Matt Janicki mentioned that he does send a note to the SIRGs letting them know how much each SIRG has in reserve. Trevor Parameter asked if the SIRGs were submitting financial reports. Matt Janicki said that he did not receive them. By-law 5.2 states that the SIRGs **must** provide the Treasurer with an annual financial statement. Phillip Davidson stressed that it was important for the financial statements be placed with the Treasurer for accountability purposes.

Bob Davis stated that Henny Van Schrojenstein Lantman de Valk developed a document that stated that IASSID was not responsible for debts incurred by SIRGs.

Philip Davidson suggested that the SIRGs should have their yearly budgets vetted by the Treasurer of IASSID. **Matt Janicki asked that Henny Van Schrojenstein Lantman de Valk, as Vice President responsible for SIRGs, look into this issue (SIRGs posting budgets and financial statements of SIRGs with the Treasurer of IASSID) and legal liabilities.** Keith McVilly supports central reporting and accountability. Matt Janicki mentioned that his financial report only reflects money collected centrally, not money collected by

SIRGs. He affirmed the need for SIRGs reporting their budgets to IASSID Treasurer.

This document is to be treated as a confidential document.

Agreement with Blackwell

Matt Janicki passed around the agreement with Blackwell Publisher. IASSID does not own JIDR. We do not get revenues from the journal but we get the benefit of distributing it to our members. In September 2004 we met with a representative from Blackwell to see if there was a better financial arrangement. The conclusion was the current arrangement is beneficial to IASSID members.

Travel Reimbursement Policy

Matt Janicki distributed a travel and expense reimbursements policy. David Felce indicated that there is an intent to try to fully support the costs of running this organization and the \$500 travel stipend for Council members is a move in that direction. Mike Kerr asked for consideration of pooling the \$500. to fully support individuals who do not have support to attend Council meetings. Keith McVilly asked about the relationship with national organizations such as ASSID. **Matt Janicki asked Keith McVilly to put on paper a framework for cooperation of national organizations with IASSID. David Felce stated that Executive will review this at its next meeting.**

David Felce thanked Matt Janicki for the report and all his hard work as Treasurer.

Patricia Noonan Walsh moved and Lisa Wang seconded acceptance of the Treasurer's Report.

Neil Ross distributed the IASSID Congress 2000 and IASSID 2004 statements. The registration fee in 2000 was \$400 (US) and \$520 (EUROS) in 2004.

Membership Report

Matt Janicki distributed the membership update and reviewed the document. There are 517 members. In 2004, there was 763 members; the increase is due to the Congress. 2003 is a more accurate comparison and we are up in membership numbers from 2003. David Felce stated that as we get more organized, and organize regional meetings; people will find it advantageous to join.

There was a discussion of the national association membership, 20 paid up and 14 non paid. If a national association has not paid in the last few years they are dropped. Lisa Wang spoke about the challenges with her national association. Matt Janicki stated that all Lisa Wang needs to do is check with her Association

to see if they want to remain a member. If they do not, she can approach another organization.

Keith McVilly asked if the national organizations have a seat on Council. Stephen Kealy indicated that every organization is asked for a nomination for Council before Congress. The election committee prepares a slate of nominations for Council. The representation of individual members has been increased to one for every hundred members. Once appointed to Council you represent yourself not the organization that nominated you. The Council needs to ensure a wide geographical representation. Lorraine Glidden asked if there would be a report back to national organizations regarding the status of the nominations. Stephen Kealy indicated that we may have been remiss in reporting back regarding the outcome of the elections and also the process to the organizations. Lorraine Glidden mentioned that we may want to revisit at the process.

Glynis Murphy indicated that we should have Frequently Asked Questions on the website. Bob Davis stated there may need to be a separate means of communication with the Associations. Keith McVilly indicated that information on IASSID is not widely understood at the national organizations. Trevor Parameter supported Keith McVilly and felt that we have to carefully handle the relationships.

Matt Janicki stated that we have 36 research centers paid up and 20 non renewed. Matt Janicki expressed concern about the non renewals. Patricia Noonan Walsh suggested informal contact may increase renewals. Bob Davis suggested that we include a link to research centre websites as an incentive.

Henny Van Schrojenstein Lantman de Valk recommended family and partner membership as a possibility.

Helene Ouellette-Kuntz moved and Keith McVilly acceptance on the membership report.

Phillip Davidson asked if policies passed should be posted. Stephen Kealy suggested that policies are attached to the by-laws. David Felce referred this item to later on the agenda.

#### **4. Secretary's Report**

##### Logo

Keith McVilly asked what the meaning of the original logo was. The majority of Council members (11 members) indicated that they supported the logo change. There was significant discussion around the logo.

The second point is whether we go with the logo suggested #1 in the newsletter. Lorraine Glidden suggested that we use the rays from the original logo with iassid

in the centre. Council asked for a show for support for logo 1 (6), 6 against. David Felce will secure more design work. Mike Kerr asked that the next vote should be final in identifying a logo. Stephen Kealy asked about using the logo used in France at the Congress.

Helene Ouellette-Kuntz suggested that we identify what we want the logo to represent before we go to a graphics creation. Bob Davis suggested that we also distribute the letterhead with the logo. Hans Rienders indicated that we need to ensure that we should identify the purpose of the logo. Matt Janicki stressed that we need to move the logo forward. Mike Kerr suggested any ideas to David Felce by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. **Trevor Parameter agrees to develop a logo and have it to David in the next two weeks. Glynis Murphy will have a selection to David Felce in two weeks.** Trevor Parameter is asking that the three original logos distributed at Council stay in the mix. **Stephen Kealy asked that David Felce write to the graphics department at UPEI and thank them.**

#### Web CT

Keith McVilly suggested that Web CT is a great teaching tool. Keith McVilly suggested there be a link on the main website. Neil Ross indicated there is a calendar on the IASSID website. Neil Ross indicated that most of the information is on the IASSID website. He suggested that we try Web CT for a year and see if it gets used more than the website.

## 5. Collaborations

#### WHO

Patricia Noonan Walsh discussed the background of IASSID's relationship with WHO. The Executive in March agreed that IASSID continue the relationship with WHO. In April, Dr. Saxena wrote Patricia Noonan Walsh and asked for a workplan for the next three years. Patricia Noonan Walsh distributed the letter that she sent regarding the proposed workplan. Dr. Saxena wrote back and indicated that he was available for consultation. Trevor Parameter provided some history of the relationship. David Felce stressed that we apply ourselves to work we are able to undertake.

Bob Davis indicated that people with ID have third world health outcomes. The SIRGs, in particular the Health SIRG, is very interested in working with WHO. Bob Davis asked about the Association's expertise in developing world health issues. David Felce indicated that this will be reflected in the workplan. Patricia Noonan Walsh stated that we may want to develop a symposium, looking at developing country health issues, in Capetown with WHO representation.

Lisa Wang suggested we look at the attendees for the Taipei conference who may have expertise with health in developing countries. Mike Kerr thanked Patricia Noonan Walsh for promoting the relationship. Mike Kerr supported the wording of Patricia Noonan Walsh's letter. He also supported Bob Davis connecting with

the SIRGs. Bob Davis mentioned the UN convention around the rights for people with disabilities. Patricia Noonan Walsh is aware of the convention. Patricia Noonan Walsh wants to ensure that IASSID is not just a name on the NGO list of WHO. She wants to ensure IASSID has a role. Phillip Davidson indicated that the biggest payoff for this organization is bringing the voice of people with disabilities to the WHO health discussions. A number of the SIRGs have identified the same issues as WHO. Phillip Davidson asserted the need for modest workplan and suggested that Patricia Noonan Walsh write the SIRG leadership and ask for their interest in working with WHO. Phillip Davidson suggested that advocating for research in Africa in healthy outcomes should be broadened to the African region.

**Council voted to endorse preparation of the workplan with WHO by Patricia Noonan Walsh.**

#### Other Associations

IASSID signed an agreement with International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication Association (ISAAC). There is discussion with Down Syndrome International. David Felce will follow up with Alzheimer's International. European Association of Service Providers also approached IASSID for an agreement.

The Academy of Mental Retardation is discussing its future. David Felce suggested that the Academy may wish to look at the agreement with ISAAC.

## **6. SIRG Reports**

Henny Van Schrojenstein Lantman de Valk presented on the meeting of the SIRGs held on June 10<sup>th</sup>. She brought up two issues:

The fee structure: Can the fees be reorganized to have one fee to join all SIRGs and therefore provide incentives? David Felce indicated that the wording is permissive; you don't have to have a fee. Bob Davis brought up the point that IASSID should encourage membership in SIRGs. There are members that have areas of interest that cut across a number of SIRGs. Do we need to rethink how we charge for multiple memberships? You end up charging your most active members and it serves as a disincentive for people to join multiple SIRGs. Mike Kerr spoke out in support of Bob Davis. Mike Kerr feels there should be no charge for SIRGs. They should raise their own funds for activities.

Glynis Murphy asked what proportion members of IASSID are members of SIRGs. Matt Janicki thought there is approximately a third. Phillip Davidson indicated that this is a complicated matter, he does not agree with Mike Kerr's proposal. The aging SIRG supports the \$20.00 fee. The money is used to support

the roundtable on aging that has been held for the last 14 years. SIRG gets the service of the Treasurer of IASSID in collecting the fees. IASSID depends on the SIRGs and therefore this requires further discussion. Matt Janicki indicated that there is no requirement to collect fees from SIRG members.

David Felce mentioned that there should be a plan for SIRGs as an organization. David Felce highlighted that we don't have a formal policy on approval of new SIRGs. Is there a limit on new SIRGs? Do we need a policy on ending SIRGs? **David Felce proposes that the current leadership of the SIRGs come to an agreement with Henny Van Schrojenstein Lantman de Valk's facilitation.**

Bob Davis brought up the issue of legal liability. **Matt Janicki will explore whether the current insurance will cover SIRGs.**

A number of SIRG reports have been tabled. The Parenting SIRG asked for space at IASSID 2006 in Europe to have a keynote on parenting. Henny Van Schrojenstein Lantman de Valk referred this to the program committee of Europe 2006. Glynis Murphy indicated she will be writing the SIRGs regarding the program in Capetown. **SIRG reports will be posted on Web CT.**

SIRG reports not yet tabled: Families, Forensics, Quality of Life, Aging

Phillip Davidson noted that the 15<sup>th</sup> roundtable on aging will be in June 2006 in Toronto.

## **7. Conference Reports and Updates**

### *IASSID Asian-Pacific (Lisa Wang)*

The program book was distributed to Council. It is printed in English and Mandarin. There are 400 registrations. The VIP is the Deputy Prime Minister. The Minister of Interior in charge of Social Welfare will also be attending. Lisa Wang gave out 21 travel awards to participants which came to over \$11 000 US (list distributed). She recommends travel grants for any additional regional conferences.

David Felce asked Lisa Wang to provide a statement of income and expenditures. This would help with future conference planning.

Bob Davis congratulated Lisa Wang on her excellent organization and suggested that there may need to be a system of mentoring from one conference organizing group to another.

*IASSID Europe (Henny Van Schrojenstein Lantman de Valk)*

Sponsorship is being worked on. Sponsorship is being sought to support participants from Eastern Europe. The call for proposals will be on the website by July.

Hans Rienders asked about the policy of participation of people with intellectual disabilities. Henny Van Schrojenstein Lantman de Valk indicated that there was no policy developed yet. Hans Rienders recommends explicit policy on how people with intellectual disabilities can be included. Trevor Parameter recommended that the self advocacy groups need to take this initiative. This conference is about research and we need to educate the self advocacy groups. Hans Rienders reiterated that IASSID Europe 2006 needs an active policy to ensure education of the self advocacy groups. The policy needs to be intentional, encouraging people who are involved in research telling their stories. Keith McVilly recommended space in the program on advocacy research. Henny Van Schrojenstein Lantman de Valk will follow up on these suggestions. David Felce indicated that people with disabilities in France were frustrated when their sessions were completed. Glynis Murphy reminded Council that there was a call for accessible abstracts in France. Helene Ouellette-Kuntz suggested a specific day which people with disabilities are invited and a special program be developed. Bob Davis described a conference where presenters were asked to do a presentation and then a plain language presentation. It was very successful. David Felce has been encouraging the Citizenship and Empowerment group to develop their own program within the conference. Maybe as scientists that are interested in being inclusive we should organize specific sessions that run through the program which are inclusive and of interest to people with intellectual disabilities. The same issue is relevant to service providers. Lisa Wang deliberately planned specific sessions for parents, service providers, self advocates with translation in IASSID Asian-Pacific.

*IASSID South America (David Felce)*

Miguel Verdugo is looking at Santiago for 2007. Maria Malbran is looking at southern Brazil.

*IASSID/AAMR North American (Matt Janicki)*

There is a large meeting being organized for May 3-5<sup>th</sup> in Montreal in 2006. There are a number of symposiums being organized by IASSID for this conference. Matt Janicki is encouraging any additional symposiums to be organized by IASSID members. The conference theme is Inclusion.

David Felce suggested that IASSID needs to establish a procedure for regional conferences connected with IASSID. He suggested that there should be a sub-committee from Council set up to work with the regional organizers. Glynis Murphy is concerned about the work load and suggests that the Council recommend a lead mentor from Council be identified to work with regional

planning committees. **This will be discussed at the Executive meeting in November.**

## **8. Procedure for Selecting World Congress Venue**

Neil Ross is responding to a request from David Felce to set up the procedure to select World Congress Venue. He distributed a one pager of a proposed procedure and presented an overview.

David Felce feels strongly that mentoring is required and therefore the Committee is made up of the President and Past President because they participated in organizing Congresses. Glynis Murphy supports the proposal and suggested adding Eastern Europe. Trevor Parameter spoke in support of the proposal. Phillip Davidson asked how the sites were selected previously. Neil Ross indicated that IASSID was approached by the conference sites. Matt Janicki suggested that fiscal implications be added to the procedure along with the potential for fund raising. Helene Ouellette-Kuntz asked how important the local organizing committee is? David Felce replied that the local organizing committee was important in relation to specific issues such as organizing study tours, volunteers etc.. Bob Davis suggested that the previous site selection should inform the future selection.

Stephen Kealy moved and Henny Van Schrojenstein Lantman de Valk seconded acceptance of the policy.

David Felce asked Council members for their opinion on the 2012 conference. South America 6 votes, Eastern Europe 5, Canada 3, and one for Stockholm, Australia and Mexico.

## **9. International Course**

Matt Janicki provided a history of the proposal for an international course on intellectual disabilities. Giorgio Albertini brought this proposal to the Executive. Matt Janicki was assigned coordination on behalf of the Executive. Tosinvest and IASSID would develop a four year time frame for this project with a review in 2008. Matt Janicki mentioned the option of setting up an Academy that vets proposals for training programs under the IASSID name.

Glynis Murphy indicated that crediting courses may be a challenge at some institutions. Hans Rienders asked why we would take this on? Matt Janicki indicated that the initial proposal was to provide training for people in areas where they do not have ready access. Phillip Davidson stated that the idea is morphing, complex. Phillip Davidson felt that there was a risk in taking on delivering courses but the Academy idea seems more manageable. This requires more planning. Bob Davis asked about a market for this? Ilana Duvdevany

wondered who would take these courses. Helene Ouellette-Kuntz suggested that IASSID take a role in facilitating credit transfer. Mike Kerr asked how IASSID will credit courses? David Felce recommended SIRG involvement in this initiative. We want to disseminate knowledge as a scientific organization and running courses does facilitate knowledge impact. David Felce suggested that we may wish to set out the curriculum and put a call out for interest. Stephen Kealy suggested that effort should be put on the structure of IASSID before we add another layer. Bob Davis suggested rather than a course could SIRG have a working roaming seminar group. Keith McVilly feels this is an important area to pursue, he suggested tapping into e-learning.

## 10. JPPID

### Editor's Report

Matt Janicki distributed the Editor's Report and a flyer with a call for papers. Matt Janicki reviewed the content of the Editor's Report. Matt Janicki recommended an additional \$2000. for editorial expenses. Bob Davis asked about the potential to generate monies from the journal. Matt Janicki indicated that revenues should be seen in 7 or 8 years. Stephen Kealy moved and Henny Van Schroyenstein Lantman de Valk seconded \$2000 to be allotted to JPPID for editorial support.

## 11. Marketing

Matt Janicki is asking Council for ideas in generating interest in membership and journals. Lorraine Glidden recommended electronic bundling. Blackwell does do this bundling.

Keith McVilly recommends partnering with national organizations. Many have journals that we could set up reciprocal arrangements. **This will be placed on the Executive agenda.** David Felce pointed out an inconsistency with the ISAAC agreement and the National Associations relationship. Keith McVilly recommended a memo be prepared that presents potential agreement with the Associations. Matt Janicki will check with Blackwell and whatever is developed would be placed it on the web site. Mike Kerr stated that IASSID is a complex organization and with new energy we should look at new partnerships. **Keith McVilly recommended the membership committee look at interaction with national associations. Keith McVilly will take the lead on this.** Bob Davis recommended a formal induction for new members.

## 12. 2008 Congress Program Committee Report

Glynis Murphy provided an overview of the plans for the 2008 Congress. In the Capetown venue there is not enough room to run 20 parallel sessions. This will

be revised to 16 parallel sessions and increased poster presentations. The format will be similar to France's Congress. There will be papers from African delegates all the way through and the last day will focus on Africa. Glynis Murphy has a proposed draft budget with the total cost 498, 178 Euros. The revenue 589,000 Euros. The registration fee is 500 Euros and a reduced registration for 300 delegates. There was a suggestion that we should have a set registration with bursaries rather than a reduced registration fee.

### African Working Group

IASSID will put in 30 000 Euros for a research fund. On the registration form there is a request for a donation for research funds of 35 Euros. The African working group highlighted the challenge of attracting delegates, sponsorships and research funds. Over the next few months the working group is asking for any contacts that Council members have. **Glynis Murphy will send out a form to be filled in by Council members.** Glynis Murphy is asking Council members to think about potential researcher funders. **Glynis Murphy will have a sponsorship information sheet prepared and it will be placed on the web site.** Matt Janicki wondered if Patricia Noonan Walsh could make contact with WHO for sponsorship. Matt Janicki is recommending that IASSID contact universities and research centres country by country so that they feel that they are part of the process. Glynis Murphy indicated that she will need some secretarial support. Patricia Noonan Walsh suggested that international offices in the universities in the African region be approached. Patricia Noonan Walsh also suggested approaching African graduates from our universities. Phillip Davidson stated that the term Africa refers to the continent. He suggested the use of the term African Region which encompasses islands and other areas. The Fogerty Centre funds international research around the world and make funds available to institutions that partner with institutions in developing countries. There are Fogerty Centres in Africa. This may be a special outreach that IASSID may wish to undertake. Phillip Davidson encouraged IASSID to approach Fogerty Centres and seek a relationship with them. Phillip Davidson volunteered to approach the Fogerty Centre.

Hans Rienders expressed a concern that attendees would not stay until the last day. Hans Rienders is recommending that there would be a program throughout the congress rather than a focus on the last day. Glynis Murphy indicated that the local organizing committee recommended the last day (Saturday) focus on South Africa to facilitate local involvement.

Stephen Kealy mentioned that we need to be approaching our own countries about sponsorship. There needs to be a booklet put together with people targeted to do specific action. Stephen Kealy indicated that 3 years comes along quickly.

Mike Kerr suggested approaching International Health Disparity event which will be scheduled later this year. The organizing of this event is just emerging. Matt Janicki asked if IASSID could be a partner in this event.

Trevor Parameter indicated that the two greatest challenges with people with intellectual disabilities will be IV/Aids and poverty. Patricia Noonan Walsh will keep this in mind when approaching WHO. Mike Kerr recommended approaching the World Bank for support.

Glynis Murphy recommended a program committee meeting at 11:30 am June 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **13. Website Report**

Neil Ross distributed the statistics on the web sites hits. The daily visits are 244. Neil Ross recommend that if Council wants the website redesigned it should happen quickly. If Council has any suggestions for the website please be specific and provide details to Neil Ross. If there are mistakes please copy the text into a word document and correct it. Keeping the website accurate is a collective effort. Neil Ross has been working on raising a sponsorship for the website. He has received a donation of 400 Euros. Mike Kerr commended Neil Ross on the website. Phillip Davidson complemented Neil Ross on his personal responsiveness to Council member's input.

### **14. Report from the Publication Committee**

Tony Holland distributed a report to Council members.

### **15. Future Research Plans and the Goal to Develop a SIRG in Sports Research.**

Jos Mulder thanked the Council for allowing International Association for Sport for People with Intellectual Disabilities (INAS-FID) to speak to Council. INAS-FID was established in 1986 in order to give a platform for people with intellectual disabilities to compete under international rules. There is 87 national members who are part of INAS-FID. INAS-FID has been negotiating with the International Para-Olympic Committee (IPC) for membership criteria. INAS-FID is looking at research on the link between intellectual disability and sport. Trevor Parameter is seeking Affinity membership for Intellectual Disability and Sport Performance. There is a questionnaire developed for coaches to assess the relationship between intellectual disabilities and sport performance. There needs to be more research in sports performance and intellectual disability not only in the context of the Para-Olympics but in all sports performance including special Olympics. Trevor Parameter is also supporting the nomination of experts to sit on eligibility committees. Participants require a psychological assessment to determine that they have intellectual disabilities. There is a challenge in getting the psychological assessments.

A proposal will be coming forward seeking membership as an Affinity Group or a SIRG. Bob Davis indicated there is overlap with the health SIRG. Trevor Parameter agreed there is overlap. Patricia Noonan Walsh supports this approach as there are significant research funds available in Ireland in sports performance. Mike Kerr invited this group to join the Health SIRG if there is a challenge getting numbers for a SIRG application. In INAS-FID the interest is on performance at the elite level. Trevor Parameter will discuss this with the Health SIRG. Jos Mulder will work with Trevor Parameter at the procedures around establishing an Affinity Group or SIRG.

Keith McVilly suggested an article for the next newsletter. Trevor Parameter wrote the national associations. Trevor Parameter will send Neil Ross something for the website. There are around 50 nations that participate in sport. Jos Mulder asked if a list of IASSID national organizations could be made available. David Felce agreed to distribute information to our national organizations rather than making the list available. David Felce suggested that there could be an insert placed in the journals seeking interest.

Glynis Murphy wondered if sports psychology departments have been approached. She also suggested going through the national psychological associations.

Hans Rienders suggested that IASSID indicated that this discussion fits into the broader policy development around the formation of SIRGs. Henny Van Schroyen Lantman de Valk will look at this.

## **16. Other Business**

Keith McVilly indicated that AASID now has a 7 year meeting schedule. If there is any interest in holding a meeting in Australia please contact AASID. The invitation is extended out to the SIRGs also.

### Awards

Stephen Kealy distributed information around criticism around award selection. Stephen recommended a more structured approach to the award selection. He recommended using regional meetings to honor younger researchers. **Stephen Kealy will bring a proposal to the November Executive meeting.**

## **Meeting Adjourned**